

Haywood County “Toeprints”

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What’s Happening?

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform Haywood County Taxpayers of what transpires at the bi-monthly County Commission Meetings. This newsletter will be written from the perspective of a casual observer, myself. Any opinions expressed will be mine.

New Library Survey.

The Library Task Force had a Public Meeting on 12/12/2016 at the Library. It was attended by about a dozen people, including a Chair, Vice Chair, **Ira Dove** and **Kirk Kirkpatrick**.

The main theme of this meeting was to get together another survey to send out to Haywood County Taxpayers asking what people wanted in the Library. The underlying theme was “Why can’t we get more people in the Library”.

Wait a minute!

Didn’t the Library people put out a survey recently and present the findings to the County Commissioners a while ago, triggering this “Task Force”?

This survey will go to about 4,000 people. Various issues were discussed including:

- Cost. Between \$7 - 10K.
- Select addresses of people to send survey to.
- Don’t send survey’s to people who owe library fines, they will not return the survey.
- Have the UNC pencil whip the aspects of the survey and sending it out.
- Only expect to get about 600 returns.

The funding for this survey comes from three groups:

- Friends of the Library,
- Library Foundation,
- **Kirk Kirkpatrick** and the Haywood County Taxpayers.

WTF ? This group is after about \$ 4 Million Dollars to renovate the library.

[Haywood County Public Library \(The Center of the Universe of Haywood County!\) presentation to commissioners at the 4/12/2016 Budget work session. Only \\$4 Million Dollars. That is after the \\$5 Million for the Mark and Susan Swanger Memorial Glorified Dog Pound, and after purchasing CES for \\$3.3 Million \(plus remodeling costs\). Finally, money will be available to go towards Haywood County School kids. 4/12/16. 8/13/2016...](#)

Or

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubII/160412Library.pdf>

Why on God’s Green Earth should Haywood County Taxpayer Property Tax Money be used to fund this stupid survey?

If these people want to move forward with a second survey, let them fund it themselves, i.e. the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation.

Ira Dove and **Kirk Kirkpatrick** put this issue as an item on today’s County Commission Agenda.

5. Request approval of funds for the Haywood County Library System Community Survey not to exceed \$3,000 and contingent on cost sharing with the Friends of the Haywood County Library and the Library Foundation – Chairman **Kirk Kirkpatrick**

6. Request approval of budget amendment – General Fund – Library - \$3,000 – from contingency to cover the County’s portion of the cost of the survey for the Library – **Julie Davis**, Finance Director – ATTACHMENT 14

Swanger Countdown Clock.

The following is **Swanger’s** remaining time as County Commissioner until a winner in November’s election will be sworn in:

0 weeks, or
0 days, or
0 hours, or
0 minutes, or
0 seconds.

Swanger and his wife, **Susan**, will be spending a lot of time at their Condo in Panama City Beach over the winter.

<http://haywoodtp.net/pubTP/T151031.pdf>

Legend: If any name is in **bold**, it can’t be a good thing.

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